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SUBJ: WORLD SURVEY OF MAN-MADE FIBER PRODUCTION CERP-5251: BANGLADESH

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1. FOLLOWING SUBMITTED BY TELEGRAM IN VIEW MAY 1 DEADLINE.
REFAIRGRAM RECEIVED ONLY RECENTLY.

A. KARNAPHULI RAYON AND CHEMICALS LTD. (KRC), CHANDRAGHONA, CHITTAGONG HILL TRACTS, CONTROLLED BY STATE-OWNED BANGLADESH PAPER AND BOARD CORPORATION. ACCORDING KRC VISCOSE RAYON PRODUCTION WAS 1406 LONG TONS IN 1972 (REVISED) AND 2027 LONG TONS IN 1973. ANNUAL PRODUCTION CAPACITY MARCH 1974 AND DECEMBER 1975 WILL REMAIN UNCHANGED AT 3,000 LONG TONS.

B. PYLON INDUSTRIES LTD. (PI), FOUZDARHAT INDUSTRIAL AREA, CHITTAGONG, CONTROLLED BY STATE-OWNED BANGLADESH TEXTILE INDUSTRIES CORPORATION (BTIC). ACCORDING BTIC, 1973 PRODUCTION AT PI WAS ABOUT 300 LONG TONS TYPE-6 NYLON. ANNUAL PRODUCTION CAPACITY MARCH 1974 AND DECEMBER 1975 EXPECTED REMAIN UNCHANGED AT 600 LONG TONS.

C. GOVERNMENT BUREAU OF STATISTICS HAS NO DATA ON IMPORT AND EXPORT OF MAN-MADE FIBERS. KRC REPORTS ITS EXPORTS WERE 120 LONG TONS IN 1972 (REVISED) AND 522 LONG TONS IN 1973. PI HAS NO
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EXPORTS.

D. BDG PLANS INCREASE MAN-MADE FIBER PRODUCTION DURING CURRENT FIVE YEAR PLAN (1973-78) PERIOD. UNDER THE PLAN VISCOSE RAYON PRODUCTION WILL BE RAISED TO 35 LONG TONS A DAY AT KARNAPHULI COMPLEX BY MODERNIZING AND BALANCING EXISTING FACILITIES AND BY INSTALLING NEW STAPLE FIBER PLANT THERE. MITSUBISHI AND ASAHI HAVE RECENTLY COMPLETED A FEASIBILITY STUDY ON THESE PROJECTS. NO CONSTRUCTION WORK HOWEVER IS LIKELY TO BEGIN BEFORE 1976. STATE-OWNED BANGLADESH FERTILIZER, CHEMICAL AND PHARMACEUTICAL CORPORATION ALSO PLANS TO ESTABLISH A POLY-ACRYLONITRILE PLANT WITH 120 METRIC TONS A DAY CAPACITY IN ASHUGUNJ AS PART OF A PETRO-CHEMICAL COMPLEX THERE DURING THE PLAN PERIOD. TENDER FOR THE COMPLEX HAS ALREADY BEEN ISSUED (SEE DACCA 4016 AND 0689).

2. WOULD APPRECIATE BEING SENT FOUR COPIES OF TEXTILE ORGANON SURVEY WHEN PUBLISHED. CONCERNED BODIES HERE HAVE EXPRESSED DESIRE TO RECEIVE.
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